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THE WASHINGTON STAR.

JEREMIAH O'LEARY REPORTS THAT CUBAN TROOPS ARE NOW DEPLOYED IN SEVEN OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES IN ADDITION TO THE 8,000 COMBAT FORCES FIDEL CASTRO HAS SENT TO ANGOLA, ACCORDING TO WESTERN INTELLIGENCE SOURCES. (A-3)

CROSBY NOYES WRITES THAT WHATEVER SUCCESS SECRETARY KISSINGER ACHIEVES IN THE COURSE OF HIS CURRENT TRIP TO MOSCOW, HE SUSPECTS IT WILL REPRESENT A VERY MARGINAL POLITICAL DIVIDEND FOR THE ADMINISTRATION. THE LARGE MAJORITY OF AMERICANS HAS LONG SINCE COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE EFFORT TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH THE RUSSIANS ON THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC NUCLEAR WEAPONS IS AN EXERCISE IN ESOTERIC NONSENSE THAT HAS LITTLE MEANING IN THE PRACTICAL WORLD. THE CONCERN TODAY IS BEGINNING TO FOCUS ON POWER THAT IS OUTSIDE THE RANGE OF THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS -- POWER THAT IS USABLE IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD. IN THIS AREA OF CONVENTIONAL MILITARY COMPETITION, THE RUSSIANS ARE IN THE PROCESS OF ACHIEVING A POTENTIALLY DECISIVE ADVANTAGE, AND ONE WHICH, FAR MORE THAN NUCLEAR WEAPONRY, IS LIKELY TO DECIDE THE SHAPE OF THE WORLD A DECADE FROM NOW. (A-4B)

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